THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information regarding rates of wages and service conditions of daily wage workers in all the Central Government Undertakings is not available.

The Supreme Court in its judgement dated 17-1-1986 in the case of Surinder Singh & Another Versus the Engineer-in-Chief, CPWD & Others has directed the respondents to pay the petitioners and all other daily-rated employees the same salary and allowances as are paid to regular and permanent employees, with effect from the date when they were respectively employed.

The Government have made payment of arrears of wages as well as perspective payment as per the judgement to the petitioners and have filed a Review Petition in the Supreme Court.

Effect of Bank credit squeeze on exports

*209. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bank credit squeeze has retarded export performance;

(b) whether bank credit policy is being liberalized as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' on the 30th October, 1986; and

(c) whether small-sector export units will be given preference in the matter of bank credit in view of their better performance?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank has informed that there is no credit squeeze at present and therefore the question of export being affected on this account does not arise.

(b) Credit policy announced by the RBI recently, on October 28, 1986 provides that banks will continue to be provided export refinance at 9 per cent per annum and the limits would be equivalent to 100 per cent of the increase in export credit over the monthly average level of credit in 1984 also, and no application for export credit should be rejected by a competent authority without the approval of the next higher authority. The credit policy for busy season has been formulated so that all genuine requirements of productive sector, including export, are met.

(c) Export credit is related to the value of export—higher the value of exports, larger is the bank credit. Thus, those small-scale export units which are able to perform better in terms of exports, can get higher level of bank credit.

Legislation for welfare of unorganised labour

*210. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward any new legislation and also review the minimum wages vis-a-vis poverty line norms besides amending the Factories Act so as to ensure workers' safety and health in general and welfare of the vulnerable unorganised labour in particular; and

(b) if so, what are the deatils thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Some amendments to the Factories Act, 1948 are under consideration of the Government.

Exemption of excise duty on sugar

*211. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have totally exempted the basic excise duty on excess sugar produced during the first two months of 1986-87 season, to provide an incentive to start early cane crushing and to boost up sugar production this year; and

(b) if so, how far it has boosted up sugar production during the first two months of this year's crushing season as compared to that in the corresponding period in last two years?